

REMARKS

By the present amendment, claims 12 and 14-20 are pending in the application.

Entry of the present amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 (Amendment After Notice of Allowance) is respectfully requested. A Notice of Allowance was mailed in the above-identified patent application on January 28, 2004. The issue fee has not been paid. It is intended that the issue fee will be paid.

Claim 12

Independent claim 12 of the Examiner's Amendment has been amended to specify that the second foil is a piece of flat foil or corrugated foil.

Independent claim 12 prior to the Examiner's Amendment specified the second foil as a piece of flat foil or corrugated foil.

The Examiner's Amendment added the limitations of dependent claim 13 to independent claim 12 in order to place independent claim 12 in condition for allowance.

A review of the file history shows that deleting or corrugated foil from the definition of the second foil was not necessary for placing independent claim 12 in condition for allowance.

Therefore, adding or corrugated foil into the definition of the second piece of foil does not change the status of independent claim 12 as being allowable over the prior art.

Claims 14 and 15

Dependent claims 14 and 15 have been amended to specify that the honeycomb body comprises the piece of corrugated and the piece of flat foil.

Dependent claims 14 and 15 (originally dependent on now canceled dependent claim 13) are directed to an embodiment wherein the honeycomb body comprises a piece of corrugated foil and a piece of flat foil. Therefore dependent claims 14 and 15 have been amended to conform them to the amendment to independent claim 12.

The amendments to dependent claims 14 and 15 do not change the status of dependent claims 14 and 15 being allowable over the prior art.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the entry of the present amendment to claims 12, 14 and 15 under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 is proper because the amendments to these claims do not change the status of claims 12, 14 and 15 as allowable over the prior art.

A review of the file history shows that the amendments to claims 12, 14 and 15 of the present amendment do not relate to any issue of patentability of these claims over the prior art.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the amendments to claims 12, 14 and 15 of the present amendment be entered under 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

Respectfully submitted,

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